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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, £500,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 months, 2 1/2 per cent. " "
" 12 months, 3 per cent. " "

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr. CONRAD MUNICH DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai.

Hongkong, April 16, 1877. jy16

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

Mr. CARL KREBS has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELOCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY L. DENNIS will act as Secretary, Librarian, and Curator of the CITY HALL from and after the 11th Instant.

By Order of the Committee,
N. B. DENNIS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap24

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co.
Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIS will conduct the BUSINESS of my Office, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,
Surveyor to Local Office,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. m18

NOTICE.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRICKSHANK,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 19th day of April, 1877, at Noon, at No. 34, Hollywood Road,

UNDER DISTRAINT,

THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Consisting of:

DRAWING, DINING AND BED-ROOM SUITES.

Also,

A COTTAGE PIANO.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 17, 1877. ap19

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell

by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 20th April, 1877, at Noon,—

Morton's Oilman's STORES,—Pickles, Salad Oil, Mustard, Vinegar, Jam,

Raisins, Tartaric Acid, Oatmeal, Yarmouth

Bloaters, Cheese, Table Salt,

do., do., do.

Ivory and Bone-handled Table Cutlery,

Electroplated Tea-sets, Inkstands,

Date Cards, Account Books, Envelopes,

Writing Ink, Mosquito Net, Cotton

Socks.

Also,

A Light Two-oared Rowing BOAT,

20 feet long, with Oars, Mast, Sails, Etc.

A CANOE, with Paddle, Sail, Etc.,

complete.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 17, 1877. ap20

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE,

PLATED-WARE, &c.

do., do., do.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from F. PEIL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on

FRIDAY,

the 27th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, No. 1, Praya East,—

The whole of his HANDSOME ENGLISH AND VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture,

Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and

Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Tables,

Carpet, Hearthrugs, Rep Window

Curtains, &c., &c.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly

Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and

Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet,

Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks.

Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware,

Plated-ware, &c., &c.

Library Oak Book-case and Desks,

Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables,

Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany

Marble-top Dressing Table and

Washstand, Wardrobe, with Plate Glass

Door, Cheval Glass, &c.

Gasaliers, Gac Brackets, Stair Carpet,

with Brass Stair Rods, Marble-top Tables,

Bronze Statuettes, &c.

Office Furniture, comprising:—Desks,

Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-

proof Safe, &c., &c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown:—

10 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE.

1 SAW MILL, by FORREST & BARR,

Engineers, Glasgow.

Also,

1 TURNING LATHE and various

MACHINERY.

And,

At the Yard of Messrs Inglis & Co.,

One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW

ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after

Thursday, the 26th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap27

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT AND SUBSTANTIAL, MOSTLY FRENCH AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

ENGRAVINGS, OIL PAINTINGS,

GLASS-WARE, CROCKERY,

AND PLATED-WARE, &c.

do., do., do.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from ADAM SIENKIEWICZ, Esq., French Consul, to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 23rd day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, Robinson Road,—

The whole of his Elegant and Substantial HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

&c., comprising:—

Three French-made Pearwood Drawing-

room Suites, Covered with Damask and

French Silk.

French-made Pearwood Marble-top

Cheffonier, Table, and Card Table.

Blackwood Marble-top Carved Tables.

Old Italian Carved Framed Looking

Glasses.

Gilt Framed Pier Glasses, Engravings,

Drawings, Oil Paintings, Moderator

Lamps, Statuettes.

Persian Carpets.

Turkish Table Covers.

Palaeander Wood Writing Table,

English-made Mahogany Table, and

Desk Chair.

French-made Rosewood Inlaid Book-

case, Work Table, and Set of Drawers,

LOUIS XVI.

French-made Bedroom Suite, Covered

with Silk, LOUIS XVI.

Teakwood Extension Dining Table,

Mahogany Sideboard, Arm Chair, Teak

Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert, and Break-

fast Sets, Glass and Plated-ware, &c.

Iron Bedsteads and Spring Mattresses.

Palaeander Wood Wardrobe, with

Plate Glass Door, Double-wing Lady's

Wardrobe.

English-made Bedroom Chairs, Dress-

ing Table, Washstands.

WINE.

A LARGE SELECTION OF FLOWERING

PLANTS.

do., do., do.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after Satur-

day, the 21st Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 12, 1877. ap23

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s

Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

Carte Blanche "Dry."

TH. ROBINSON & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

Carte Blanche.

JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and

WHITE WINES.

STAPLE & KENTISH'S PORTS and

SHERRIES.

MOULON & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars.

BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS.

JUSTUS LEMBE & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. j29

FOR SALE.

BY TENDER, the whole Stock-in-

Trade of the TAKU TUG and LIGHTER

COMPANY, consisting of the following

Steamers:—

Steam Tug and Lighter *Algeria*, 3,300 tons.

Steam Tug *Orphen*, 1,800 "

Little *Orphen*, 1,800 "

Tenders will receive immediate atten-

tion.

Apply to

TAKU TUG & LIGHTER Co.,

Taku.

Taku, March 12, 1877. ap30

Now Ready.

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CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.,

A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo,

pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, Phil.

Philologist.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD

& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs

KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Washing Books.

(In English and Chinese.)

W. ASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

ready at this Office—Price, 1s each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
ESTABLISHED 1853.
TE. KOFFER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

AE YON,
SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND
STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORES.
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS.
Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr. AYON has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,
Praya, or to Mr. FAT JACK, at 30, Ring
Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mol9

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—
MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain
David Plumer.—Siemens & Co.
ROBINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt.
O. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
ROSEITA Mc. ELL, American barque,
Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagendorf & Co.
ABONAUT, British ship, Captain John
Anderson.—Meyer & Co.
NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S.
Garriock.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm.
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NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.
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FUNDAMENTAL RELIGION, in three Lectures.
By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.
Orders will be received by Messrs Lane,
Crawford & Co.
Hongkong, July 31, 1875.

To Let.

TO LET,
No. 8, PRIMA TERRACE, ELGIN STREET,
with immediate Possession.
Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, at present
occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD.
Bianse Villa, Fok-tou-lum, Furnished.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44,
Queen's Road.
The Dwelling House and Offices No. 1,
D'Agular Street, at present in the occupation
of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Possession from the 1st May next.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.
The Steamship
"YESSO."
Capt. J. E. FURCHARD, will
be despatched for the above
Ports 10 AM, on the 19th Instant, at
Daylight, instead of as previously notified.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, April 18, 1877. ap19

FOR SHANGHAI & NEWCHANG.
The Steamship
"YANGTZE."
E. SCHWITZ, Master, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 20th Instant, at
6 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 18, 1877. ap20

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The Steamship
"GADSHILL."
Captain RANTON, will leave
for the above Ports on TUES-
DAY, the 24th Instant, at 8 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JACKLIN, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 18, 1877. ap24

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.

1876-1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND OF One Hundred Taels
(Fl. 100) per SHARE, Sanctioned
at the General Meeting of Shareholders,
held on the 9th Inst., will be Payable at
the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK on
and after FRIDAY, 18th April, 1877.
Warrants for the Return on Premia for
the Year 1876 will be issued shortly, on
completion of the adjustment of the Con-
tributory Accounts.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
HERBERT S. MORRIS,
Secretary.
Shanghai, April 10, 1877. ap24

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 17, *Danube*, British steamer, 561,
A. Clancy, Bangkok April 9, Rice.—
Yuen Fat Hong.
April 18, *Djemnah*, French steamer, 2129,
Champonois, Shanghai April 13, Mails and
General.—Messageries MARITIMES.
April 18, *Anchises*, British steamer, 1804,
C. Butler, Liverpool Feb. 28, Suez March
15, Galle April 3, Penang 7, and Singapore
11, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
April 18, *Chun Tung*, Chinese R. C.,
from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 18, *Faiho*, Chinese R. C., for Canton.
18, *China*, for Ningpo and Shanghai.
18, *Savadora*, for Amoy.
18, *Young Siam*, for Bangkok.
18, *Bertha*, for Quinhon.
18, *Nauticus*, German man-of-war, for
Nagasaki.

CLEARED.

Cairnmuir, for Saigon.
Yesso, for Swatow, &c.
Washi, for Hoihow, Pakhoi, &c.
Mary Goodell, for Iloilo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *Djemnah*, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Messrs Newell, Carnegie, Carvalho,
Hippesley, Nelson, and 6 Chinese; for
Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert and infant,
Messrs M. Bano, Jamieson, Blane, J.
MacKenzie, Mrs. Bell and 2 infants, Messrs
Seale, Kyle, and Mallendore.
Per *Danube*, from Bangkok, Revd. Mr.
MacDonald, Mr. Bradley, 4 European Sea-
men, and 93 Chinese.
Per *Anchises*, from Liverpool, Mr. and
Mrs. Boracius, child and 2 native servants,
Mr. Fernando, and 420 Chinese from Pen-
ang and Singapore.
TO DEPART.
Per *Washi*, for Hoihow, &c., 3 Europeans
and 50 Chinese.
Per *Mary Goodell*, for Iloilo, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Danube* reports: In
the Gulf of Siam moderate S.E. winds
and fair weather. From Pulo Obi to Cape
Padaran strong E.N.E. winds and heavy
sea. To Lat. 21 N. moderate S.E. winds
and fair weather, thence to port strong
Northerly winds with rain, thunder and
lightning.
The British steamer *Anchises* reports: Ex-
perienced fine weather with light N.E. winds
up the China sea, and strong N.E.
with thick rainy weather, at 4 p.m. on the
17th, when we made the Ladrones.

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest
London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.
Nov. 21, *America*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Nov. 23, *Western Chief*, from London to
Hongkong.
Nov. 23, *Madura*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Nov. 23, *Hannah Law*, from Cardiff to
Hongkong.
Nov. 23, *New Era*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Dec. 4, *Bonolutha*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Dec. 17, *A. E. Vidal*, from Hamburg to
Hongkong.
Dec. 17, *Carricks*, from London to Hong-
kong.
Dec. 19, *Channel Queen*, from Cardiff to
Hongkong.
Dec. 20, *Chinaman*, from London to Hong-
kong.
Dec. 22, *Sophie*, from New York to Hong-
kong.
Dec. 25, *Inc*, from Greenock to Swatow.
Dec. 25, *John Nicholson*, from New York
to Shanghai.
Dec. 27, *Undine*, from London to Shanghai.
Dec. 29, *Cassan*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Jan. 4, *C. R. Bishop*, from London to
Shanghai.
Jan. 11, *Windhover*, from London to
Shanghai.
Jan. 12, *Woodhall*, from Hamburg to Hong-
kong.
Jan. 12, *Hope*, from London to Hongkong.
Jan. 16, *Gryfe*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 18, *Batavia*, from Hamburg to Hong-
kong.
Jan. 31, *Forward Ho*, from London to
Shanghai.
Feb. 1, *Robert Henderson*, from Buryport
to Hongkong.
Feb. 2, *Polynesia*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Feb. 5, *Carriall*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 8, *Daphne*, from London to Hong-
kong.
Feb. 12, *Leading Wind*, from Antwerp to
Hongkong.
Feb. 15, *Bertha* (str.), from Cardiff to
Hongkong.
Feb. 17, *Theresa Behn*, from Cardiff to
Hongkong.
Feb. 18, *Matchless*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Feb. 19, *Cactus O*, from Cardiff to Hong-
kong.
Feb. 19, *P. P. Lichfield*, from Cardiff to
Hongkong.
Feb. 19, *Maipu*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 20, *Penrith*, from London to Hong-
kong.
Feb. 22, *Eula*, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 23, *Osaka*, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 23, *Belted Will*, from London to
Shanghai.
Feb. 23, *Beronia* (str.), from Hamburg to
Shanghai.
Feb. 25, *Argentine* (str.), from London to
China and Japan.
Feb. 27, *Gold Hunter*, from Cardiff to
Hongkong.
Feb. 28, *City of Aberdeen*, from London to
Shanghai.
Feb. 28, *U. MoB. Park*, from Sunderland
to Singapore and Hongkong.
March 1, *Isles of the South*, from Cardiff to
Hongkong.
March 1, *Brown Brothers*, from Cardiff to
Hongkong.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.
At London:—Steamers via Suez Canal.
Candia. Sailing Vessels.
Scindia. Glenscales.
Sir Lancelot. Duke of Abercorn.
Cores. Malakow.
Antwerp. Commissary.
Scindia. Melbourn.
James Shepherd.
At Liverpool.
Ajax (str.). Denonion (str.).
G. W. Cochrane. Lord Macmillan.
At Glasgow.
Isle of Erit.
At Antwerp.
Isle of Erit.

CARGO.

Per *City of Tokio*, sailed 14th April,
1877:—For Yokohama, 3,489 bags Sugar,
549 pieces Wood, 87 pkgs. Merchandise,
90 pkgs. Oil, 13 pkgs. Medicine, 12 pkgs.
Cordage, 10 pkgs. Ginger, 8 pkgs. Hides,
and 1000 Quiltsilver. For San Francisco,
9,651 bags Rice, 9,200 bags Sugar, 100
bags Beans, 455 bags Coffee, 105 bags Black
Pepper, 12 bags White Pepper, 50 bags
Papaya, 35 bags Sago, 87 bags Cloves, 52
pkgs. Mace, 23 pkgs. Cinnamon, 20 pkgs.
Nutmegs, 50 slabs Tin, 750 bales Hemp,
12 pkgs. Oigars, 115 pkgs. Tea, 1,400 pkgs.
Merchandise, 2 pkgs. Raw Silk, 24 pkgs.
Prepared Opium, and 3 pkgs. Crude Opium.
For San Jose, 1 case Silks. For La Li-
bertad, 3 cases Floss Silk. For Punta
Arenas, 5 cases Silks, 50 rolls Matting, and
4 pkgs. Merchandise. For Callao, 27 pkgs.
Malwa Opium, 18 pkgs. Silks, and 2 pkgs.
Merchandise. For Oicinnati, 13 pkgs.
Curios. For New York, 182 bales Raw
Silk, 300 rolls Matting, 400 half-chests Tea,
and 2 pkgs. Merchandise.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *YANGTZE*, at 3.30 p.m., on Fri-
day, the 20th Inst.
For MANILA.—
Per *ESMERALDA*, at 1.30 a.m., on
Saturday, the 21st Inst.
For BANGKOK.—
Per *DANUBE*, at 5 p.m., on Wednes-
day, the 25th Inst.
For KIUNGCHOW, PAKHOI AND HAI-
PHONG.—
Per *WASHI*, is postponed until further
notice.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *DEMNAH*,
will be despatched from Hong-
kong on THURSDAY, the 19th
Instant, with Mails to and through
the United Kingdom and Europe,
via Marseilles: to Saigon, Singapore,
Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand,
Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-
chelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Corre-
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Assentien.
Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet.
The following will be the hours of closing
at the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 18th Instant.
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NIGHT
Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 19th Instant.
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters closes.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
except those to and through Australia
may be posted on payment
of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra
postage, until
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.
Hongkong, April 5, 1877. ap19

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *GEELONG*,
will be despatched with the Mails for
Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the
21st Instant.
The following will be the hours of closing
at the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 20th Instant.
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT
Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 21st Instant.
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters closes.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 18 cents extra
Postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
via Brindisi or to Singapore, may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,
till
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally
closed.
Hongkong, April 14, 1877. ap21

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Contract Packet *GEELONG*,
will be despatched from Hongkong
on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant,
with Mails for Singapore, Somer-
set, Cocktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tas-
mania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.
Correspondence cannot be Registered after
10 a.m.
The Mails will be closed at 10 a.m. Late
Letters 10.15 to 11.
Correspondence for New Zealand must be
specially directed *via Torres Straits*, or
it will be sent *via Galle*.
Correspondence for Southern Australia can
be sent by this route if desired, but
as a general rule it is better to send
it *via Galle*.
Hongkong, April 14, 1877. ap21

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *GADSHILL*
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the
1st May, with Mails for Japan, San
Francisco, the United States, and Lon-
don, which will be closed as follows:—
3 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.
2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the
United States only may be
posted on board the Packet
with Late Fee of 12 cents
extra Postage until
2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.
Correspondence must be specially directed
for this route, and if not fully prepaid
will be sent by British Packet.
Hongkong, April 18, 1877. ap21

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, April 20:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.
4 p.m.—*Yangtze* leaves for Shanghai
and Newchwang.
Teresa leaves for Manila on or about this
date.
Goods per *Fleur de Caste* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, April 21:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.
Noon.—*Esmeralda* leaves for Manila.
MONDAY, April 23:—
3 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
Mr. Adam Sienkiewicz's residence, Ro-
binson Road.
TUESDAY, April 24:—
3 p.m.—*Gadshill* leaves for Singa-
pore and Penang.
WEDNESDAY, April 25:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Creditors in re
Thomas Thornton Anthony, a Bank-
rupt, at the Court House.
FRIDAY, April 27:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
Mr. F. Peil's residence, Praya East.
SATURDAY, April 28:—
Tartar leaves for Shanghai and Hankow
on or about this date.
TUESDAY, May 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.
TUESDAY, May 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-
hama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—*Yesso* leaves for Coast Ports.
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
Goods per *Glenside* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Auction.
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
No. 34, Hollywood Road.
Meeting.
4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the
H. K. Club at the Club House.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.
香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
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AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT
MEDICINES.
MANUFACTURERS
OF
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,
Gingerade, Potash Water, Sarsaparilla
Water, and other Aerated Waters.
The Manufactory is under direct and
continuous European Supervision.
Hongkong, June 1, 1875.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.45 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1877.

The report of the Colonial Surgeon for
1876 places us in possession of a large
number of interesting and important
facts. Towards the close of last year a
very uncomfortable feeling prevailed in
the Colony, and lymph for vaccination
rose to a premium, through the circula-
tion of reports as to the ravages small-
pox was making here, especially among
the native population. It seems that
this fear of the terrible disease was not
without foundation, for Dr. Ayres tells
us that 17 small-pox patients were ad-
mitted into the Civil Hospital, of whom
1 died, and no less than 189 into the
Tung Wah Hospital, of whom 104 died,
and 13 remained in the Hospital at the
beginning of 1877. One hundred and
four deaths or more, out of one hundred
and eighty-nine patients, seem to be a
large proportion, even in face of the
fact, added by Doctor Ayres, that a
great number of the deaths occurred in
children under four years of age. The
Doctor asserts that "the small-pox epi-
demic had been unusually severe during
the season." While the health of both the
military and police force was apparently
better during the year, yet was there a
slight increase in the mortality among
the European community, the percentage
being 2.93 as compared with 2.54 in 1876.
Dr. Ayres adds the significant remarks:
"The accounts I have given of the sanita-
ry state of the town of Victoria makes
it a matter of wonder that the mortality
is so small, not that it should fluctuate
in the way it does, increasing a little one
year and decreasing the next." After
this there should be little doubt as to the
causes of the non-appearance of the
Colonial Surgeon's report for 1876. It
may be safely inferred that it contained
a pretty vigorous onslaught on "the
miserable system of drainage," and possi-
bly, other faults of construction, in this
fair city. Everybody has been steadily
under the impression that we had a very
mild summer last year, but although that
belief may be a well founded one, it seems
that we had a maximum temperature as
great last year as we have suffered under
in any of the last eight years, excepting
1873, when it was 91 degrees as com-
pared with 90 degrees last year. The
minimum temperature was 37 degrees,
which is the lowest it has been for the
past eight years, excepting in 1871 when
it was 36 degrees. The value of these
remarks would be enhanced considerably
if the average temperature was given
each year, as the mere record of the
highest and lowest temperature during
the twelve months does not afford the
slightest idea as to what sort of a
summer or winter has been experienced.
We are glad to see that Dr. Ayres is an
advocate of flogging. He says: "It
appears to me a pity that a flogging act
is not in force the same as in India. I
think less harm is done to the prisoner
by a good caning than by starvation for
7, 14, or 21 days, as the case may be, on
rice and water, a punishment which in
many cases it is impossible to carry out.
I think a caning would be more effectual
in preventing the return of prisoners to
gaol, anyhow it would make a consider-
able reduction in their numbers if such
an act applied to petty thefts, &c." For
our own part, instead of keeping a hard-
ened criminal shut up for a number of
years performing some useless labour
while he is maintained at the expense of
the public, we would make some con-
siderable reductions in the term of his
imprisonment and give him an occasional
taste of the rod. We are firmly con-
vinced that flogging is a far greater
deterrent to the commission of crime
either in *actu* or *future* than confinement
in prison. When we say this we do
not mean that we would flog all pri-
soners or felons indiscriminately. There
are many offences for which flog-
ging would not be a suitable punish-
ment, or those who have committed
crimes of violence, should be submitted
to the indignity of the lash—at least in
dealing with Europeans, who in a general
way have more refined feelings than the
Chinese, and who, in many cases if they
were flogged for comparatively trivial
offences might lose all respect for them-
selves and become irretrievably ruined.
But for those hardened offenders who
are constantly appearing in the dock and
who seem to spend the greater part of
their life in prison, or for those offenders
who have been guilty of great brutality
and showed their utter unworthiness to
be treated like other human beings, we would
have flogging and very little else than
flogging. There is something rather farical
in maintaining at the public expense a
large number of offenders in prison for the
greater portion of their lives, and some
radical reforms are needed in the matter.
The remarks of Dr. Ayres in regard to
opium-smoking we commend to the at-
tention of the Anti-Opium Society. The
Colonial Surgeon expresses his deliberate
opinion that opium-smoking, as practised
by the majority, has very little per-
manent effect upon the system, and that
it can be stopped as easily as tobacco-
smoking. This opinion is the result of
considerable experience in treat-
ing opium consumers both here and
in India. With the opium *eater*, an in-
dividual rather rare in China, the case is
very different. "The effects of opium-smok-
ing, and opium-eating," says Dr. Ayres,
"seem to have been confounded together
in the minds of the English public. The
opium-smoker gives himself up to sensual
indulgence, is lazy and incapable of work
when he carries it to excess; in modera-
tion it is no more harmful than tobacco,
and stopping it causes as little inconve-
nience in most cases. Far different is it
with the opium-eater; to stop his allow-
ance, when the habit is a confirmed one
among Indians, is certain death."

A CONFIRMATION for native Christians be-
longing to the Congregation of St. Stephen's
Church was held by Bishop Burton this
afternoon at the Cathedral, when some 20
candidates (male and female) mustered at
the time appointed to receive that rite. All
of them, we learn, were baptized as adult con-
verts from heathenism, and we congratulate
the resident Missionary of the Church Mis-
sionary Society upon the promising character
of the work as evidenced by those he pre-
sented to-day.

Sir Arthur Kennedy has had a very good
opportunity of testing the working of the
quarantine laws of Australia. The *Killarney*
brings the news that, on the arrival
of the *Brisbane* at Cooktown, she was quar-
antined owing to a death from heart-disease
which had occurred on board during the
voyage, and a solitary case of small-pox.
It was a great disappointment to the good
people of Cooktown, as well as Sir Arthur.
They had, it appears, made great prepara-
tions for giving him a hearty reception.
As it was, they were forced to content
themselves with presenting their addresses
alongside the vessel. As will be seen in
another column, great preparations were
being made for His Excellency's reception
at Brisbane.

The first Anniversary of the Temperance
Hall was celebrated on Monday evening by
an entertainment of a miscellaneous char-
acter. Mr. Lister occupied the chair, and in
his opening remarks said that it seemed more
than a year since Admiral Ryder opened the
adjoining building, but it was not. He
thought what had been done by the institu-
tion since its opening could be very well
summed up in the words of Mr. Samuel
Weller—"We shan't be bankrupts, and
we shan't make our fortunes. We eat
our biled mutton without capers, and doesn't
care about horse radish ven ve' oai get
best." The institution had not made money,
but at the same time it had nearly if not quite
paid its way so far, which was a great deal.
He believed they were a little in debt, but
it was not yet quite certain whether they
were or were not. He would also like to
make a few remarks about these entertain-
ments. He thought they were popular, but
they had yet a deal to learn in regard to the
bills of fare. If there was not good people
went away dissatisfied, filling somehow it
was their own fault and the fault of the
Chairman. He thought he could promise
them a good bill of fare that evening. The
entertainment was then proceeded with and
apparently gave great satisfaction. Dr.
Dennis gave a very interesting sketch of
the progress made in telegraphy, concluding
his remarks by an allusion to the telephone
or sound telegraph, which he said was the
latest invention in telegraphic matters. The
kindersprymon or toy-band was both
novel and good. Some part songs, a very
pretty song by a coloured gentleman entitled
the Fisher Maid, a Violin Solo, and a very
good rendering of the speech of Sergeant
Buzfuz, were amongst the pieces served up.
A large number of ladies were present, in
fact more than could be accommodated in
good places for hearing and seeing. By the
expenditure of a little money the hall might
no doubt be made a very commodious one.
There were at the very lowest computation
upwards of 250 people present. The meet-
ing separated shortly before 11, after wishing
the institution many happy returns of the
day.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]
(By Southern Route.)
London, 15th April, 1877.

SERIOUS ASPECT OF THE EASTERN QUESTION.

PANIC IN LONDON.
The belief that War is imminent is so
general that a panic prevails in London.

ADVANCE OF THE RUSSIANS.

A Russian army is advancing on Jassy
(in Moldavia) across the Pruth.
All reserves on furlough are ordered to
rejoin.

A FRESH COMPLICATION.

Persia has advanced claims to Bagdad.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The French mail arrived as we went to
press.

The P. & O. steamer *Zambesi*, with the
next English mail, left Singapore for
Hongkong yesterday morning (17th).

Our daily contemporary in the Straits
believes that Mr. Pope Hennessy and family
are on board the *Zambesi*, which left Singa-
pore yesterday for this port.

We hear from Macao that a petty Mandarin,
who was collecting black-mail from the
Opium, Fentan and Walsing Farmers, has
been arrested and confined to gaol.

A NATIVE seaman in charge of a salt junk
was summoned by Inspector Cameron for
having neglected to report the junk's arrival.
He pleaded ignorance of the law, but was
fined 50 or ten days' imprisonment.

The Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court
were formally opened and adjourned till
Monday next, the only officer in Court
besides the Judge being the Usher, who
performed the ceremony of opening and
adjourning the Court in the usual manner.

We (Shanghai Courier) hear from what we
believe to be unauthoritative, though not
official, sources, that the extension of the
Woosung railway to Soochow is not only
decided upon but is to be carried into im-
mediate effect. Some time ago, as our
readers may remember, we mentioned the
fact of some surveyors having inspected the
creeks and ditches on the Hongkong
side with the avowed object of making
railway-bridges over them. It is said that
the new line is to have a very much wider
gauge than the present, four feet and a-half
being the measurement quoted to us. This
is the best piece of news we have had the
pleasure of giving our readers for some
time.

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 19th April, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *DEJANAH*, Commandant CHAMPENOIS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 18th April, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap19



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Also,
Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *DESJONG*, Captain FRANK, will leave this Port on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent,
Hongkong, April 14, 1877. ap21

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st May, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 3, 1877. my1

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 15th May, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bussan S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of the 14th May. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1877. my15

Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1873.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Informations.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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Circular, large sheet.

THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

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"Washing Spirits."

Chinese Folk-lore.

Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.

Pidgin English.

Goethe's "Werther" in China.

Chinese Music.

White Ants.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,
Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The latest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE

IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collected from the journals published at the various ports in those countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage paid 10 cents.) \$12 per annum (postage paid 10 cents.)

Orders should be sent to G. B. EMORY, Agent, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than the evening before the departure of the English Mail Steamer.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

Informations.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,
WILLIAM HUNT,
Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,
LONDON,
1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.

20, Old Broad Street,
LONDON,

1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.
RESERVE FUND, £340,000

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. McIVER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ROBERT J. LODGE,
Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. McIVER,
Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877. au17

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE a week as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the Chinese Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

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